

Mr. White :

Please hurry answer,  
and greatly oblige,  
Ray J. Fischer

Buffalo, N.Y., June 20th, 1942.

Dear Sir:

Having had a long discussion today with the general manager and secretary of the Buffalo International League Base Ball Club at Offermann Stadium this afternoon, during which the following policy was definitely arrived at, insofar as staging games between colored teams at Offermann Stadium for the balance of this season is concerned, viz: there will be no games between colored teams permitted to be played on off days of the Buffalo International League Club during any of their home stays, I thought it advisable to write you at length, and let you know just what the possibilities are for securing the use of Offermann Stadium for any possible proposed games to be promoted by me here at Offermann Stadium, in which your club or clubs are to take part.

In view of the fact that each of the three games staged between colored teams at Offermann Stadium so far this season was a better success than the preceding games, an unusually large number of managers, promoters, "would-be" promoters, etc., have cropped up, and asked for dates there. With the fair play for all policy in good stead and effect in the offices of the Buffalo Base Ball Club this season, each of the three promoters that staged games at Offermann Stadium so far this season have been allotted additional dates, or given options during certain weeks to close for certain dates definitely within the next week, this arrangement thereby creating the following situation at Offermann Stadium: The Kansas City Monarchs and Birmingham Barons will play their game at Offermann Stadium on Thursday night of the coming week, June 25th, 1942, which date has been allotted to Mr. Saperstein for that game some time ago; then Buffalo will be at home from Sun. June 28th to and including Friday, July 17th, 1942; two games between colored teams have been booked between July 18th and 25th, 1942, and no other games will be allowed to come into Offermann Stadium during that week; then Buffalo will be at home again from Sun. July 26th to and including Wed. Aug. 12th, 1942; another colored game has been booked at Offermann Stadium for Friday, Aug. 14th, 1942; THEN I HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE PRIVILEGE OF STAGING TWO GAMES BETWEEN COLORED TEAMS during the proposed period of from Mon. Aug. 17th to and including Sat. Aug. 22nd, 1942, but I must inform the club within the next couple of days just which two dates of that week I will definitely want, with the understanding, of course, that no other games between colored teams will be allowed at Offermann Stadium during that week.



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Owing to the fact that I must definitely determine within the next few days just which dates of the week of Aug. 17 to 22, 1942, I will want to use at Offermann Stadium for games between colored teams, I would like to receive an immediate reply from you, in which please let me know just which two dates of that week would be most suitable to you, and what clubs would be opposed to each other here if I am going to do business with you for dates during that week.

I also want you to know that I would expect the same clubs that will play here at Offermann Stadium for me during that week, to play games at Hyde Park Stadium in Niagara Falls, N.Y., and possibly also at the Pony League Parks in Lockport, N.Y., and Jamestown, N.Y. In other words, the clubs that you will send into this territory at that time can be booked for five or six nights of that week in this vicinity. These parks are all fully enclosed league parks, and have perfect lighting equipment for night games.

So far this season, the following games have been staged at Offermann Stadium in Buffalo between colored teams in the following order: 1. Homestead Grays vs. New York Cubans; 2. Cincinnati Buckeyes vs. Jacksonville Red Caps; and 3. Baltimore Elites and New York Cubans. The games at Hyde Park Stadium at Niagara Falls, N.Y., so far this season, have been played in the following order, AND ALL WERE PROMOTED BY ME: 1. Cincinnati Buckeyes vs. Jacksonville Red Caps; 2. Chicago American Giants vs. Cincinnati Buckeyes; 3. Niagara Falls All Stars vs. Simon Pures of Buffalo (white clubs).

For your information, I wish to state here that I am in position to book teams every week for night games into Hyde Park Stadium in Niagara Falls, N.Y., and at the Pony League parks in Lockport, N.Y., and Jamestown, N.Y. If you have any two colored clubs at any time during the season that want to come into this territory and play night games in any of these three cities, please let me know. I can also book colored teams at these parks in these three cities when such colored teams are coming into Buffalo to play at Offermann Stadium for other promoters. In other words, such colored teams can play at any of these three cities either on the night before or after their Buffalo appearances.

I am still in position to take two colored clubs into Hyde Park Stadium in Niagara Falls, N.Y., for either Wed. or Fri. June 24th or 26th, 1942, if interested managers will either wire me, or call me by long distance phone.

Trusting that this letter explains the situation to all managers interested in booking their clubs for games in this territory, and hoping to hear from you in any event, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,

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